and achievements for the year 1990-91 is as given below:—

	"Seedling distribution" (for planting on private lands) (in crore seedlings)	"Area" (public lands including forest lands) (in million hectares)
Target	250	0·55
Achievement	125·88	0·74

Pollution Control Norms

1163. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several fertiliser factories, both in the public and private sector are flouting pollution control norms;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to illegal gratification by these fertiliser factories, the officers of the concerned State Governments are not taking any action against them;

(d) whether the Central Government propose to take over the charge of Pollution Control from State Governments for ensuring its effective implementation; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) According to the reports from the State Pollution Control Boards, out of the total number of fertiliser units in the Country 17 units are not conforming to the prescribed standards as they have not installed adequate pollution control equipment. The units have initiated steps to provide the necessary control devices in a time-bound manner. The progress of work in this respect is being monitored by the respective State Pollution Control Boards and by the Central Government.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Pollution Control Norms

1164. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the effluent treatment plants run by fertiliser factories in Public and Private Sector are either not operating or are deliberately kept under repair to cut down the costs;

(b) what remedial steps the Government have taken so far to improve the situation particularly with regard to pollution being caused by the Paradip Phosphate Factory in Orissa, Fertilizer Plant in Goa, Phosphate Unit of the Public Sector PPCL near Patna ; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue some guidelines for the States' Pollution policing machinery and other local voluntary bodies and environmental action groups in this regard, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIORNMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) Some fertiliser units in the country are not conforming to the prescribed standards due to their not installing adequate pollution control devices. According to the reports received from the respective State Pollution Control Boards, Paradip Phosphate Factory in Orissa and the Fertiliser Plant in Goa are conforming to the prescribed standards. M/s. P.P.C.L. Phosphate unit, near Patna, has been directed by the Bihar State, Pollution Control Board to meet the prescribed standards, including construction of a Pucca Channel for the discharge of their effluent, since there is the problem of percolation of mines discharge into underground water and soil.

(c) Protection of the Environment is a major concern and has been built into all programmes, projects and policies taken up. This has to be a continuing process. As part of this process, we have to seek integration of environmental and economic aspects in development planning stress on the preventive aspects in pollution abatement, promotion of technological inputs for reducing industrial pollutants and reliance upon public co-operation in securing a clean environment. A time bound action plan for control of pollution from fertilizer units has been prepared in consultation with the State Governments.